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APPLICANT: EIGEN ET AL (DIV)
SERIAL NO.: 10/032,897 EXAMINER: JOYCE TUNG
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TITLE: PROCESS AND AGENT FOR INSTABILIZING VIRAL
QUASI-SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS AVOIDING
RESISTANCE PHENOMENA

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication dated January 19, 2006 from Patent Examiner Joyce Tung, who is in charge of the above-identified patent application.

The substance of the Telephone Interview on January 10, 2006 with the undersigned attorney is correctly set forth on page 2 of the Examiner's Amendment.

The reason for this Examiner's Amendment was to delete any reference to the claims which was set forth on page 5 of